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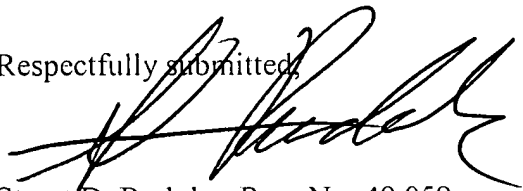
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find an Information Disclosure Statement for Serial No. 09/940,367, filed August 28, 2001, entitled METHOD FOR HANDLING TRANSACTIONS IN GROUPED SERVICES IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING APPLICATION, consisting of the following:

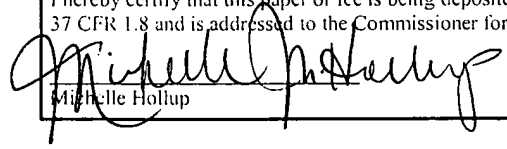
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In re Application of: Aleta Ricciardi	
Serial No.: 09/940,367	Art Unit: 2152
Filed: August 28, 2001	Examiner: To be assigned
For: METHOD FOR HANDLING TRANSITIONS IN GROUPED SERVICES IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING APPLICATION	RECEIVED FEB 11 2003 Technology Center 2100

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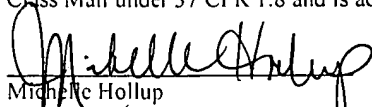
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the attached page submitted herewith. A copy of each listed reference is also enclosed.

The references cited herein were cited in the PCT International Search Report in a PCT Application (PCT/US02/23554) claiming priority to this U.S. Application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

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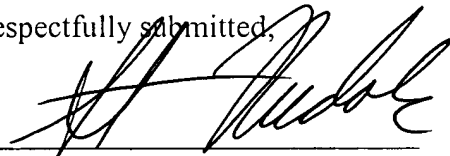
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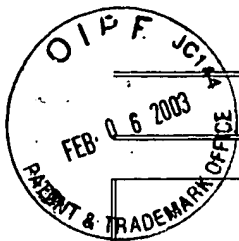
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